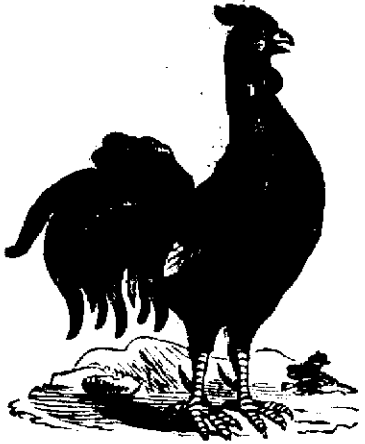


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TELLING THE BOYS.

The Old Gentleman's Son Mistaken.

When you get two or three old fellows of sixty or so together, they are fond of telling stories about the pranks they played in their youthful days and laughing proudly over their misdeeds. But this is not always a safe thing to do. Old Judge Bees indulged in this recreation, the other night, in the presence of his son, aged fourteen. The old man told of quantities of tricks he had played upon his father and chuckled gleefully over them. It roused young Bees' ambition; and the next night, when the judge went home, he had an awful time of it. There was a pail of water suspended over the front door that tipped as he opened the door and deluged him. He was both surprised and annoyed at that, and walked into the entry with oaths upon his lips, and immediately his feet caught a cord tied across the hall from the banisters to the hat rack, and it tripped him up and pulled the hat-rack over on top of him. He was skinned in several places, and by the time he disentangled himself, was a awful mad. He started up stairs, and part way up, a cord stretched at the right height caught him suddenly under the chin and threw him backwards down the stairs. Then he started to crawl up stairs, and part way up discovered a rope lying on the stairs and coming from the top. He pulled it and hauled down a barrel upon himself that bounced him down stairs again. He was nearly delirious, with rage as he rose to his feet that time and utterly unable to understand the cause of all these contrivances being in his way. Once more he assayed to go up and that time succeeded. On reaching the head of the stairs, he thought he heard a snicker, and investigation showed his son peeping from his chamber and laughing. On being taken by the judge with fixing the traps, the boy owned up. "What in the name of heaven have I done that made you do it?" yelled the judge, aghast at the boy's wickedness and coolness. "Why, I heard you say you played these pranks on your father." "Yes, and he licked me like a blazer for it, just as I'll lick you," roared the infuriated judge. "You didn't say anything about being licked when you told the stories," cried the now frightened boy. This was a strong argument, but the judge wasn't in a frame of mind to appreciate it. The boy's yells were heard in the next ward, and he has resolved, as soon as his raw spots get well, to run away to some place where they'll tell him the whole facts of a case. And the judge thinks he has learned to be careful what he says before that boy.

Minister Lowell on Prince Albert.

Mr. James Russell Lowell, at the recent dinner of the Royal Society of Musicians, made a most graceful reference to the father of the chairman, the Duke of Connaught. "The illustrious father of their Royal Highnesses," he said, "on one occasion, which was vividly remembered by all thoughtful Americans, interfered when he thought that too high a note was about to be struck. It was a moment when there was extreme tension, if a musical term might be used on this occasion, of the chords between two countries which he would not name; too high, too sharp a note was about to be struck on one side, and he put his foot on the pedal. Perhaps he did more; he drew out the vox humana stop, and by so doing he prevented consequences which it would be better not to speak of here. They, therefore, owed that illustrious Prince a great debt." Mr. Lowell's speech was received with tremendous cheering.

Apropos of George's Birthday.

Cambridge (Mass.) Tribune.
Mrs. Washington, the mother of George, was going to make soap. George and his father arranged a large can with some straw in the bottom of it, and on top of the straw they put some ashes and then leached them. Mrs. Washington got her soappress all ready and in a short time the soap was filled with that beautiful odor that betokens the process of soap-boiling is going on. With all her skill she could not make the soap come. On investigation it was discovered that some of the ashes used were from the wood of the cherry tree George cut down and no soap could be produced even from them. This shows the power of truthfulness.

How a Lawsuit Was Won.

A Galveston man met a friend from the country on the street.
"How do you come on?" exclaimed the former. "When I last heard of you you had a lawsuit on hand with Tom Smith about a fine horse. How did that end?"
"I won it. I completely got away with Tom. You see the justice was the most honest man in the world, so I wrote him a note asking him to accept the inclosed \$5 bill."
"I should think the judge would have ruled against you for trying to bribe him."
"So he would if I had not been careful to sign Tom Smith's name instead of my own."

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If you are suffering with a severe cough, cold, asthma, bronchitis, consumption, loss of voice, tickling in the throat, or any affection of the throat or lungs, we know that Dr. King's New Discovery will give you immediate relief. We know of hundreds of cases it has completely cured, and that where all other medicines have failed. No other remedy can show half as many permanent cures. Now to give you satisfactory proof of it, King's New Discovery will cure you of Asthma, Bronchitis, Hay Fever, Consumption, severe Coughs and Colds, Hoarseness, or any Throat or Lung disease, if you will call at Hubbard & Swearingen's drug store, you can get a trial bottle free of cost, or a regular size bottle for \$1.

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The popularity of the WILSON BROS.' SHIRTS, wherever they have been introduced, has driven most all other makes out of the market, not a account of being cheaper in price, a practice too often followed by unprincipled dealers in introducing low price inferior goods, not cheap as represented. The cheapness and durability of any article is its intrinsic value, durability, comfort and neatness being the factors.

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Dec. 18—dwtf

CARPETS and wall paper, at lowest prices.
LINN & SCRUGGS.
Dec. 13—dwtf

WE WANT your custom, and think we can offer you inducements if you will come and see us, which will be sufficient to satisfy you that our store is the best place in town to trade. Bargains are to be had every day this spring.
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Specialties.
Hosiery, Corsets, Muslin Underwear, Kid Gloves, Laces, Embroideries, etc., etc., are specialties with us, and we show lines of them unexcelled in this section, for variety, quality or quantity. Our prices are always the lowest, and all our goods first-class.
CHEAP STORE.

Gold and Silver Fringes, Spangles Gimp, Laces, Stars, Tassels, Braids and Buttons, at
LINN & SCRUGGS.
Dec. 20—dwtf

WANTED, by E. B. Pratt, one hundred good horses. 37 North Church street, Decatur, Ill.
[Feb. 17—dwtf]

OVERMIRE & KAUFMAN, Real Estate agents, have a stock of dry goods and notions to trade for a farm; will pay some cash. Call and see them over Decatur National Bank.
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SHELLABARGER'S patent process flour saves one-half the labor in baking, and will make more bread to the pound than any other flour ever sold here.
Dec. 18—dwtf

Lost.
Last night, between the opera house and M. P. Murphy's residence, a mink fur cape. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving the cape at this office.
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Come and see the new style self-adjusting skates at Korschmeier & O'Neill's before purchasing elsewhere; also a complete line of Barney & Berry skates kept on hand; all at less than cost; 2 doors east of P. O.
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Mrs. Grindol, at her boarding house No. 11 West Main street, can furnish boarding and rooms by the day or week for a few more boarders; fare good, and price very reasonable.
March 5—dwtf

Go to A. J. Stoner's for Mrs. Freeman's National Dyes. For brightness and durability of color are unequalled. Color from 2 to 5 pounds price 15 cents.
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Now is the Time
To secure bargains in boots and shoes. J. W. Baker is offering these goods at a big discount to close the season.
Feb. 3—dwtf

We keep everything in our line; low shoes, high shoes, big shoes, little shoes, broad shoes, narrow shoes, fine shoes or coarse shoes, and if you want any other kind of a shoe we will order it for you. We aim to please. Call and see us.
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PATENT "La Reine" corset, a beautiful corset, superbly made, without bones, in high favor with many, to which we call the attention of the ladies.
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If you think of getting a pair of boots or shoes go to J. W. Baker and get prices and see his goods, and you will be convinced that you can save money by trading with him. Do not mistake the place, 18 East Main street, Powers' old stand.
Feb. 3—dwtf

Why will you pay \$2.50 or \$2.00 for shoes when you can go to No. 18 East Main street and buy the same quality of shoes of J. W. Baker for \$2.00 and \$1.50.
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Bear & Masten
Offer special bargains in Notions and Ladies' Furnishing Goods.
Jan. 11—dwtf

Moody's, Foy's, BORTNER'S, together with the LARGEST, CHEAPEST and BEST assortment of FRENCH and AMERICAN CLOSETS, to be found anywhere.
Feb. 9—dwtf

ASHBY & ANDREWS still have the largest stock of Furniture and Stoves in the city and must sell it off so as to make room for manufacturing. One block east of Shellabarger's mill, on Cerro Gordo Street.
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Grand Exhibition and Sale
of the finest assortment of Holiday Goods in Illinois, now going on at Wingate's Decatur Lamp Store.
[Dec. 16—dwtf]

Over 155,000 Howe Scales sold. Borden, Selleck & Co., agents, Chicago, Ill. Rept. 11—dwtf

To Nervous Sufferers—The Great European Remedy—Dr. B. Simpson's Specific Remedy.

It is a positive cure for Spasmodic, Seminal Weakness, Impotency, and all diseases resulting from Self-Abuse, or Mental Anxiety, Loss of Memory, Pains in Back or Side, and diseases that lead to Consumption, Insanity and an early grave.

The Specific Medicine is being used with wonderful success. Pamphlets sent free to all. Write for them and get full particulars.
Price, Specific, \$1.00 per package, or six packages for \$5.00.
Address all orders to
J. B. SIMPSON MEDICINE CO.,
Nos. 104 and 106 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Sold in Decatur by Dr. A. J. Stoner.
Dec. 24—dwtf

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WANTS TO BENEFIT BY

Our Between Season

Clearing Sale!

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Clothing is Down!

FOR THE PRESENT.

CHEAP CHARLEY.

Not wealth, nor birth, nor rank nor state,
But GET RIGHT UP AND GIT that makes men great.

KAUFMAN & BACHRACH
Manufacturers of
MEN'S AND BOYS'
Clothing!



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OTTO E. CURTIS & CO.,

DECATUR'S LEADING JEWELERS.

WE ARE ALWAYS READY TO

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LATER PATTERNS,

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Most Favorable Terms,

Secured by Mortgage on Real Estate.
We keep a supply of

GOVERNMENT BONDS!
On hand at all times, which we will sell at the

LOWEST MARKET RATES.
A general Banking Business transacted but no interest paid on deposits.
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MASTER'S SALE.
STATE OF ILLINOIS,
Macon County,
Macon County Circuit Court.

Casper Burg vs. Lucinda Burrows and Eliza Burrows, Administrators.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance of a docket order entered in the above entitled cause, in said court on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1880, I, John A. Brown, Master in Chancery for said court, on

Saturday, the 19th day of March, A. D. 1881,

at the hour of two o'clock p. m. of said day, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, at the west door of the court house in Decatur, in said county, the following described real estate, to-wit: In the county of Macon and State of Illinois, to-wit: Lot No. seventeen (17), in block No. one (1), in James A. Steele's Addition to Macon, together with all and singular the contents and improvements thereunto belonging. Said premises will be sold subject to redemption.

JOHN A. BROWN,
Master in Chancery for Macon county, Illinois.
A. G. HARRIS, Solicitor for Decatur.
Jan. 16—dwtf

MILAM'S bread is always fresh and pure and sweet.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce THOMAS B. ALBERT as a candidate for Justice of the Peace.

CITY DEPARTMENT.

See those lovely decorated china dinner and tea sets, at E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & CO'S.

"Who's elected?" "CINDERELLA" to-night.

OPEN switches are the cause of hundreds of accidents.

This is the first month of gentle spring.

Will you take in the Harmonia Club masked ball at Guard's Armory to-night?

The colored ball at Powers' Hall last night was a social success.

Smoke Schroeder's Bohemians, no matter which way the election goes.

The Decatur Land League will hold its second public meeting at the court house on Thursday evening next.

The people generally are invited to be present.

The best of fruits and seasonal vegetables at Young Bros., on Water street.

The funeral of the infant daughter of Nellie and William Dick, took place this afternoon from the family residence, corner of Jefferson and Jasper streets.

Call at Walters & Tyler's, south side city park, for pure drugs.

The regular monthly meeting of Eldorado Hose Company has been postponed until to-morrow (Wednesday) evening.

A full attendance is requested.

Popular with the people—those musical instruments sold by C. B. Prescott.

Secure your seats for the musical treat at the opera house to-night.

Grand chorus of 30 young ladies. Admission, 50 and 25 cents.

The election to-day is progressing quietly in all the wards.

At 1 p. m. 279 votes had been polled in the first ward; 240 in the second; 260 in the third; 230 in the fourth; and 90 in the fifth.

The polls will close at 7 o'clock.

Junior Wilkin did not reach Decatur yesterday to hear the arguments in the Carroll-Foster habeas corpus case.

The Carroll boys are still in jail. In all probability the judge will be in the city on Thursday.

Choice pearl tube rose bulbs for sale. Orders filled at Freeman's boot and shoe store, No. 4 Merchant street.

Feb. 25-d4w

WANTED—100 pairs of good blocky horses, weight from 1100 to 1300 pounds.

E. B. Pratt, 27 North Church street, Decatur.

March 1-d4w2w

When eye upon the first of men, the apple pressed with special care.

Oh what a thousand pities then, that Adam But though by his false step, we were doomed, to life of endless toil.

One certain comfort we can get, to cure Rheumatism, Sciatic, etc.

For sale by Dr. A. J. Storer.

The Hop Hong Chinese Laundry has been removed to the red front building, first door north of "Imboden's Bros." meat market, on South Main street.

Call there—no room—better and quicker work—low prices.

Feb. 24-d4w

Mrs. W. N. Pomeroy, 110 Morgan st., Buffalo, N. Y., writes: My child, son, Frank, let me thank you for the medicine you sent me.

It cured him of his cough and asthma. I have used it since, and it has cured him of his cough and asthma.

For sale by Dr. A. J. Storer.

HENRY VAN NORTWICK, of Toledo, Ohio, says:—A friend prevailed upon me to try an "Only Lung Pad," and I obtained immediate relief from a racking cough.

I know the Pad helped me.—See advertisement.

Feb. 24-d4w

Big SURE to call for Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup if you are troubled with a bad cough or cold.

It relieves after taking the first dose. Sold by druggists.

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MOTHERS need not be kept awake nights by the incessant coughing of their children, if they have Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup at hand, and give one or two doses in season.

Price only 25 and 50 cts.

FACT—Miami's new process bread has no superior.

24-d4w

If you take our advice you will lose no time in calling on your druggist for "Sellers' Cough Syrup"—without an equal.

Price 25 cents.

Jan. 29-d4w

"National Responsibility and Influence."

Will be the subject of a discourse by Rev. T. T. Kendrick at the opera house next Sabbath evening at 7 o'clock, by special request to young men.

He will also give a brief sketch of Immigration at Washington.

First, Godman's orchestra and the choir will furnish music appropriate to the occasion. Editors, reporters, parents and everybody invited. Services to 6.

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RESERVED FROM DEATH.

The following statement of William J. Coughlin, of Somerville, Mass., is so remarkable that we beg to ask for its attention of our readers.

He says:—In the fall of 1870 I was taken with a violent bleeding of the lungs followed by a severe cough. I soon began to lose my appetite and flesh.

I was so weak at one time that I could not leave my bed.

In the summer of 1871 I was admitted to the City Hospital.

While there the doctors said I had a hole in my left lung as big as a half dollar.

ALICE OATES appeared at the opera house last night before a fair audience.

She has been trouped with a severe cold lately, and did not make any attempt to sing even a line.

The burlesque was "Les Bavarde," a light comic opera, in which there was much music and fun.

Alice vows that she will visit Decatur sometime in the future and give our people one of the best entertainments they ever witnessed, and thus make amends for past failures.

The company will appear at Jacksonville to-night.

THAT young Hercules from the wilds of Mt. Zion township, who has been calling at a certain dwelling north of the park, is hereby warned that if he doesn't cease jerking the daylighters out of that bell-cord the long-suffering neighbors will "lay for him" with stuffed clubs and put him in shape to be wheeled to his bay-seed home on a shunter.

Schub!

The sheriff of Sangamon county has A. Wilkin, the crooked Chicago horse buyer, in custody, on a charge of playing a confidence game.

The Journal states that Wilkin has been confined several parties at Springfield during his stay there, and that he obtained from one party a team of horses for which he did not pay, and in addition borrowed \$200.

The funeral of the late Mrs. J. L. Knepper took place from the Baptist Church on yesterday afternoon, in the presence of a very large assembly of sympathizing friends.

The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Goodwin. The remains were laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery.

We are requested to announce that on next Thursday evening a sociable will be held in the lecture room of Stapp's Chapel.

All members and friends of the congregation are specially urged to attend and pass a few hours together in a social way.

Found Dead.

This morning Elder John L. Wilson was found dead in his bed, at his late residence, two miles northwest of Harris-town.

He retired in his usual health—in fact he had never been sick in his life—his two sons sleeping in the same room with him, and when the young men awoke this morning they found their father dead.

The covering had not apparently been moved, and to every appearance he had died without a struggle.

Mr. Wilson was a native of Tennessee, in which he was born March 16, 1816, and came to Montgomery county, in this state, in his infancy.

He removed to Sangamon county after he became a man, and resided near McChes-terburg until two years ago, when he came to this county.

He was a man of many excellencies of character, and had a host of friends—especially in the Christian church—who will mourn his sudden death.

The funeral will take place at Bethel, Sangamon county, on Thursday.

Horace Morgan Not Hurt.

It was reported here this morning that Conductor Horace Morgan, of the Wash-bash, had been killed in an accident at Hedick, on the Chicago division of the road.

Investigation proves that the report is untrue. The St. Louis Express No. 47, due here from Chicago at 3:35 this morning, got off the track at Hedick last night, and had not arrived in Decatur at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Replies to telegrams sent to Superintendent Woods, at Belmont, say that Conductor Morgan is not hurt.

He is still with his train, which will arrive here this evening.

No one on the delayed train, so far as can be learned, was injured in any manner.

County Jail Notes.

James Moyer, who was indicted by the grand jury for enticing away an unmarried woman, and has been in the custody of Sheriff Foster for several months, in default of bail, yesterday gave the required bond, \$300, and was released from custody.

To-day William Mason, who was given a full sentence of thirty days for larceny by Judge Smith at the last term of court, was released from custody to-day, having served out this sentence.

Billy was charged with stealing opera glasses from Mrs. Fanning's boarding house.

Division Freight Office Closed.

With a view of reducing expenses and simplifying the work, yesterday the Illinois General Freight Office of the Wash-bash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway, located in Decatur, was closed, as was also the Indiana office at Logansport, Ind.

The office in this city was located on the second floor, over Pedderson, Burrows & Co.'s bank.

It was opened on Sept. 1, 1879, and was in charge of Mr. J. G. Rupert, with Mr. W. S. Marshall as clerk and operator.

The telegraph instruments and wires will be removed and shipped to St. Louis in a few days.

Hereafter all freight orders will be sent to the general office at St. Louis, where the clerical force has been increased.

Mr. Rupert is no longer in the employ of the Wash-bash.

He has been elected vice president and one of the directors of the Greencastle & Vincennes Railroad, a new road 37 miles in length.

He has gone to look after his interests in the new road.

Judge Davis Not to Blame.

The Decatur friends of Judge Davis, one of the judges of this (the 17th) judicial circuit, will be amused to peruse the following paragraph taken from the Danville News of yesterday.

The Judge weighs about 200 pounds.

While Judge Davis was sitting on his wool sack in the seat of justice last Saturday, the chair broke down under him with a sudden crash and let him on to the floor.

The whole front of the chair broke down. There were lots of licks in his seat, but the judicial understanding escaped unscathed.

The Judge was sitting quietly when the chair broke, neither coughing, sneezing, talking, or in any manner exerting undue strain upon his chair, and hence is clearly not to blame for the loss to the jury.

Spring Beds, Cooking Stoves, Parlor Suits, at cost, at Ashby & Andrews', east of Shellbarger's mill.

Want them the way of the way

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THE LENTEN SEASON.

How the Holy Forty Days of Fasting and Prayer will be Observed in Decatur.

To-morrow will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, 1881, which season will continue for 40 days.

The holy season will be generally observed in Decatur by Episcopalians and Catholics.

An authority on the subject says that in the church's economy Lent has two main purposes to serve: First, to stand as a perpetual memorial in the church of the humiliation and self-denial which the life of Christ ever exhibited; and second, to afford a convenient season in which Christians may exercise themselves in that discipline which is needed through the entire course of life.

That feature of Christ's, of which Lent is a memorial, is the key note to its proper observance.

It is not to be imagined that the Lenten season is kept with the idea that, during the six weeks which it covers, the self-denial and self-discipline for the whole year are to be accomplished.

That during the remainder of the time Christian people may surrender themselves without restraint to the gratification of self.

All life and every occupation are regarded as conditions needing self-control.

In the Lenten season it is sought to acquire the spiritual strength necessary to fight the spiritual battles that come up all through the year.

In a word, the Lenten season, especially of spiritual nourishment and refreshment, when the lessons of the Gospel may be brought more vividly before the mind and the resolution to live in them be yearly strengthened.

To this end Christians are encouraged during the season of Lent, to separate themselves, not merely from meat and drink, but as far as possible from the absorbing cares and pleasures of life which pre-occupy the mind to the exclusion of Christian truth, so winning them from the hopes of eternity and the life of holiness.

To set apart an allotted time for such a task does not imply that there need be any cant or assumed sanctimoniousness about it.

The Lenten work is merely a serious work undertaken in a sober, resolute way.

Rev. W. H. Moore, the rector, announces that on Tuesdays during Lent, sermons will be preached at St. John's Church as follows, each service to begin at 7:30 p. m.

March 4th.—The Incarnation a Living Power; by Rev. F. W. Taylor, of Danville.

March 5th.—The Church the Extension of the Incarnation; by Rev. S. P. Simpson, of Bloomington.

March 6th.—The Sacraments; their Power in the Christian Life; by Rev. John B. Draper, of Petersburg.

March 7th.—The Life of Greece; by Rev. E. A. Larabee, of Springfield.

March 8th.—The Church the Body of Christ; by Rev. Jesse Higgins, of Centralia.

March 9th.—The Development of Christian Civilization; by Rev. D. D. Butler, of Decatur.

Rev. Moore will deliver a series of sermons on Sunday evenings upon the subject of Church History, and the identity of the Church of the later ages with the Church of the Apostles.

On Wednesday evenings the Rector will give a course of sermons on the distinctive features of the church, and the popular objections commonly urged against Catholic Christianity.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.

The usual Lenten services will be rigidly observed at the Decatur Catholic Churches.

Lent is a solemn fast of 40 days, and is annually observed by the Catholic Churches throughout the world.

The Latin word quadragesima, signifies the fast of forty days.

The English word lent, from the Anglo-Saxon lencten, signifies spring, and as the forty days fast comes at that time of the year, it is called the Lent, or Spring fast.

The Lenten fast has been a universal observance in the Catholic church from the very earliest ages of Christianity, and was instituted by the church in memory of the forty days' fast of our Saviour in the desert.

It begins on Ash Wednesday, so called from the ceremony of blessing the ashes wherewith the priest signs the people with the cross on their foreheads, with the admonition, "Remember, man, that dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return." (Gen. iii, 19.)

To remind them of their mortality, and to prepare them for the holy fast of Lent. The ashes are made of the palms blessed on Palm Sunday.

The Early Bird.

Thomas B. Albert, Esq., is the first candidate to announce for justice of the peace.

The Squire has held this office so long that it is only the oldest inhabitant who can remember when he was first elected, and during all these years he has been a faithful, attentive, honest official.

He deserves well at the hands of the people.

Second Ward Pupils.

Names of pupils in the third grade, second ward, who have been neither absent nor tardy for the month ending Feb. 25, 1881:

Katie May, Flora Battles, Clara Oren, Louie Askins, Lizzie Ahrens, Lulu Hoff, Rebecca Archer, Lizzie Armentrout, Lola Montgomery, M. Chestham, Anna Davis, Bertha Robinson, Mamie Simon, Anna Melick, Ollie Robbins, Clara Borbel, Katie Steele, Minnie Epy, Harry Ricketts, Frank Williams, Frank Bunn, Howard Wilson, Wilbert Towling, Marion Gray, Charlie Barnes, Willie Plack, Harry Watson, Otto Holmbaecher and Frank Glatz.

MARY M. EDWARDS, Teacher.

There are few voices in the world, but many "few" and "any" medicines in the world that are better for Biliousness, Indigestion or Sick Headache than Spring Balm.

Price: \$1.00, 50 cents, and trial bottles free.

March 1.

Don't Forget.

The fact that our line of specialties, Hosiery, Corsets, Ladies' Muslin Underwear, Laces, Embroideries, Rushings, Men's Furnishing Goods, etc., etc., are always complete, and that our prices are unapproached by any other dealers in the city.

We offer you first-class goods at prices lower than anybody's.

CHEAP STORE, Big 18 Merchant street.

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Shirts! Shirts!

We have received a full line of Unlaundried Shirts, from the celebrated Glen Shirt Co., Glen's Falls, N. Y., which we are selling at bottom prices, and will challenge any house in the country to compete with us in regard to quality and price.

CHEAP STORE.

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Spring styles of hats and caps at the "Sign of the Bear," 26 Merchant street.

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The Washash Week.

The eastbound Lightning Express train No. 2, running at the rate of about 25 miles per hour, met with what might have been a frightful wreck, involving the loss of many lives, last night about 11 o'clock.

Five blocks west of the Church street target on the main line of the Washash Railway.

Early in the evening a freight car got off the rails on the main track a few car lengths east of the switch where the accident occurred, and in order to let incoming and outgoing trains pass by, the switch at the west end was left open.

It appears that all can be learned that neither the conductor or engineer of the Lightning Express had received notice of the obstruction on the main track and were also not aware that the switch was turned.

The train was 35 minutes late, and when the locomotive struck the open switch the curve was so sharp that the ponderous 36-ton iron horse broke one of the rails, left the other rails on the side-track, and went plunging and lunging about until it finally ran off down into the ditch on the north side of the road.

bed and buried itself part way into the frozen earth, fully six car lengths east of the switch.

Engineer McDole and Fireman Paul, both of Springfield, who were on the locomotive, had no time even to think of jumping, and both remained at their posts until the engine landed in the ditch.

They were jostled against the boiler head rather roughly but both escaped without serious injury.

One side of McDole's face was scratched a little, and Paul received a thump on his forehead from a flying tool.

Before reaching the switch McDole applied the air brakes and the train slackened perceptibly, but when he applied them again, after the locomotive jumped the track, they wouldn't work.

He then shut off the steam, and then he shut himself in the ditch.

The draw bar which connected the engine with the tender broke, and the tender went flying along the sidetrack on its own hook, making several revolutions before it keeled over on its side and stopped.

The sudden jerk of the engine when it struck the open switch caused the coupling between the tender and the express car to break, and fortunately, partly closed the switch, thus causing the coaches to remain on the main track.

Several of the coach trucks left the rails, and but for the jolting, the passengers would not have known anything had happened.

It was a most miraculous escape from a fearful accident. Had No. 2 been notified of the condition of the switch the danger would have been averted.

The case will be investigated by the officials and the responsible parties will be punished by being discharged.

The men connected with the wreck train were at work all night, and this morning the track was cleared of all obstructions.

The engine was still in the ditch when our reporter visited the scene, and several sections of the sidetrack were torn up, while the broken rails were scattered about in almost every direction.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Hon. E. O. Smith has started for his home on the Pacific slope. He will return a year hence.

C. S. Doty, traveling correspondent and solicitor for the Peoria Freeman, gave us a fraternal call to-day.

Robert Addis, who represents the Peoria Democrat as traveling solicitor, called at his office to-day.

He is a brother of W. H. Addis, of this city.

Cicero Walls, editor of the Newman Independent, paid us a call last evening, and admired Alice Oates at the opera house last night.

W. S. Marshall, late of this city, has received the appointment as station agent and operator for the Washash road at Clinton. He will peruse the REPUBLICAN daily.

Mr. Davis Brown, a cousin of Mrs. M. Gamble, arrived in the city on Saturday and passed the Sunday here.

He represents the large wholesale house of J. T. S. Brown & Co., Louisville, Ky. He departed for the east yesterday.

James L. Charni, formerly in business in Decatur, now a member of the firm of Lowenstein & Co., located at Urbana, is in bad health.

The Champaign Republican states that he will quit business and seek a more congenial climate.

Miss Mary Fuller, the school teacher who died at Normal last week, was laid to rest in Mar's cemetery at Elm Grove, Tazewell county, near the home of her childhood.

Mrs. T. L. Antrim and Miss Mollie Shoemaker marshaled a large company of lady friends and paid Mrs. Lew Hart an unexpected call on yesterday afternoon at her pleasant home in the fifth ward.

All had a good time and passed the hours together in a delightful manner.

Bloomington Postgraduate: Mr. Sam. Winholtz, of Chicago, spent Sunday with his friend, Mr. Dudley Smith.

Years ago Mr. Winholtz was a student of the Model school, of the Normal University, then being a resident of Decatur.

He has many old schoolmates and friends in this city and in Normal.

Oh, What a Cough!

Will you heed the warning. The signal perhaps of the sure approach of that more terrible disease consumption. Ask yourselves if you can afford for the sake of saving 50 cents to run the risk and do nothing for it.

We know from experience that Shilo's cure will cure your cough. It never fails. This explains why more than a million bottles were sold the past year.

It relieves croup, and whooping cough, at once. Mothers do not be without it. For lame bark, pleurisy, or chest, use Shilo's Porens Plaster.

Sold by Henry Smith, druggist.

Dyspepsia & Liver Complaint.

Is it not worth the small price of 75 cents to free yourself of every symptom of these distressing complaints? If you think so, call on our store and get a bottle of Shilo's Vitalizer, every bottle has a full guarantee on it, use according to directions and if it does you no good it will cost you nothing.

Sold by Henry Smith.

MACON COUNTY TEACHERS.

Programme for the Monthly Meeting March 6th.

The regular monthly meeting for March will be on Saturday the 5th inst.

Mr. George Henderson, of the Decatur High School, will talk about gravitation, and Messrs. Trainer, Culbertson, McBride, Smith, Gantz and Monitz, assisted by Misses Ida Wallace, R. Belle Fulton and others, will discuss the Course of Study for Macon County and its Defects.

All teachers who can attend this meeting should do so as it is of importance.

Mr. Gilbert Park, a pupil of Mr. Geo. E. Williamson, of Argenta, sends us a correct solution of the tile problem.

While Mr. Park gives the mathematical difference of the amount of flow in the several tile mentioned we suppose that the farmer would prefer two 5-inch tile to one 7-inch, since he could separate them and thus drain a much larger area of ground.

Mr. Costello, a teacher in Austin township, sends the following report for insertion in this paper: The following named pupils of my school have been punctual at school since you were here:—James, Mattie, Dora and Effie Campbell, Eugene Pierce, Harry and Lydia Breisford, Frank and May Austin, DeWitt and Laura Schenck, Frank and Sherman Lowe.

And now they have been spelling in Latin and English down at Grand Prairie. The Latins, however, reside to the northward and only attend at Grand

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